

A LIVELY GAME OF POKER.

WM. F. SHAFER HUNT IN A FIGHT AT THE HOTEL BRUNSWICK.

A loss of Temper and \$800 over the Cards and an Accusation of Dishonest Playing were the Very First of a Series of Events.

At 6 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 27, the night clerk of the Hotel Brunswick was startled by the violent opening of the hallway doors. Five men walked into the office and asked for a private room. The night porter took them into a snug little parlor, and shortly thereafter a waiter with a tray heavily laden with mixed drinks.

The men were ex-Commissioner Van Nor, Sheridan Shook, William F. Shafer, De Witt Clinton Wieseler and Edward Gilmore. The hotel soon was filled with the laughter of the convivial party. One of them proposed a game of poker, and cards were brought in. Shook, Shafer, and Gilmore sat down for an all night game. Van Nor, quite quick, and silent soon showed the earnestness of the players.

At 8 o'clock a muttering of dissension was heard. Round a door slammed, and Mr. Wheeler

later the clerk and night porter were startled by loud howls, followed by a fall and seemingly a struggle. The porter ran into the room and found Mr. Shafer was lying insensible on the floor. A carriage was procured and Mr. Shafer rushed to a hospital, where he was crured out to speak of the occurrence.

"I was a little drunk," said a gentleman yesterday. "Shafer soon won \$500 from Shook, Gilmore, finding that Shook was getting drunk. He was a little drunk himself, but he held on. As he heard the door, Shook said 'Hold on, Ed! I'm coming.' Gilmore said 'You've got to go, Shafer. You're a tough nut man. He never played a square game—' and he was gone. They were all surprised by the lapel of his coat, and tried to get him away. Shafer said, 'If any one says I don't care for the money, I'll take it.' They left Gilmore, who still held of his car, and said, 'I take your word, Ed. I take it off.' A gentleman said, 'I don't know what Shafer was worth, but he was a little drunk.'"

He was said last night that at one time Shafer's friends were on the point of sending for a coroner to take his deposit on.

The Bowling Championship.
The first of the series of bowling matches for the championship of the United States, under the rule adopted by the recent session of the National Bowling Association, took place at Joseph Heister's Alley in Broadway, Williamsburgh, between the Pin Knights and the Athletic Bowling Club, and was won by the latter 1-227 to 1342. Mr. E. M. Stupp captured the title for the first time, and the club obtained the lead at the first of the game and maintained it.

Mr. H. H. Pink acted as Captain of the Pin Knights and promises that they will win by a larger score in the second game is played at next week. The deciding game, which is to be played on a neutral alley, will decide what club will score one for the championship.

A Sailor's Innocence.
Warren L. Chase, second mate on the City of Galveston, being paid off yesterday, started for his home in Dennis, Cape Cod. He drank in a brewery on the way and was so drunk that he fell back into a car and ran into the Washington hotel, on the Battery. When he woke up his money to pay his fare the harbor police took him to a police station and a \$100 note from his pocket was found. He was arrested, and Justice Hanley committed him.

Weather Office Prediction.
Light rain and generally cloudy weather with increased easterly to westerly winds, falling barometer and higher temperature than on Saturday.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Isaac Wyman, a respectable citizen of Saxton River, Vt., hanged himself yesterday.

Mr. Benoit, the Opposition candidate, has been returned to represent County Champlain in the House of Parliament, defeating Dr. Forster by a majority.

Mr. Martin, a member of the Ottawa Provincial Parliament, charged with committing an indecent exposure, was fined \$100.

Policeman Patrick McDonald, of Baltimore, who was arrested on a charge of kidnapping Brown on June 14, was sentenced to five years in the Maryland State Prison for the crime.

William Thompson, who was convicted of the Baltimore shooting, in March last, on a charge of kidnapping Brown, is now serving his five year term in the Penitentiary.

The Post Office Department is advised that there will be no steamer dispatched from New York to Europe until the 15th inst., and that consequently a steamer there will be no European mail sent on this day.

The Freedman's Bank representatives have filed a bill for the sale of the Christian Association building, at Baltimore, Md., which was mortgaged to the bank for the amount loaned by the bank toward the erection of the building.

Frank Brown, convicted of murder, who, with several other prisoners, escaped from the jail at Baltimore, Md., on the 10th inst., has been recaptured at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and returned to the Baltimore Jail.

The jury in the case of Eaton vs. The Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Co., returned a verdict for \$20,000 damages for refusal to carry the plaintiff on the car, and a refusal to refund the fare paid for the ticket, and ordered a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing the damages at \$200.

MORE NEWS.

Mr. Philip Hart has built a new track at Fort

The trotting mare Nera, owned by Frank Stone, has arrived in San Francisco. She is in good health.

The following trotters are wintering at Shawn's: Brother Jonathan, race 234; Magnolia, 230; and John McNair, the pacer, record of 2:24.

The first four of the season will be a purse of \$5,000 to be run on Monmouth Park Course, in July next, closed on the last inst., with twenty-one nominations.

The Monmouth Park Association announces that the capital stakes for four-year-olds, \$500 each, have forfeited the Association to add \$1,500, and the second horse to receive \$500 of the stakes. It closes March 15.

Mr. Pierre Lottillard has lost a fly by importation of the famous mare Salina, sister of Impregnable.

The Indianapolis people say that Dr. Pritchard's work has been down to see Red Lake again this week, as he returned to this city as a visitor and he would be with him a colt. A stranger would not know that he has been here for Indians, as all marks have entirely disappeared.

On the 1st of March the books are to be closed for the Centennial stakes for all ages, \$200 entrance, \$50 for fee, with \$2,000 added; the second horse to receive \$500 out of the stakes, and the third to receive \$250.

The Philadelphia Association held its annual meeting at Point Breeze Park recently. Nearly 500 members and guests were present. The receipts for 1876 were \$65,000, and the expenditures \$60,715.65, leaving a balance on the right side of \$4,284.35. The officers for 1876 will be elected next week.

The trotting obstinate gelding Frank Munson, owned by Dan Dwyer, of New York, was the property of Adolph's Centre, N. Y. He was bought by parties from the South, and will be taken to that section. The price was well up on the thousands. Frank Munson has no record but was 2:30, and is said to trot low down in the twenties.

Some forty head of trotters are stationed at Ottawa, Canada, where they are now in readiness for the coming campaign. Among them the Moore, the best of the season, and the best of the season, the best of the season.

The Maine Farmer gives an interesting review of the performances of trotters bred in Maine during the trotting season of 1875. Its list of breeders J. G. Haines' record, \$344; John Virgin, \$206; Horace Hardy, \$235; Nellie Walton, \$234; Bully Brown, \$230; Melrose Steamer, \$238; Young Buchanan, \$219; George K. Knight, \$223; Edging Wilson, \$214; Phil Smith, \$214; E. C. Lightfoot, \$208; J. G. Merrill, \$200; Lady Maid, \$184.

The old time trotting mare Black Jess died at Gloucester May 7, A. D. 1875 week. She was first trotted in this vicinity in the late Hiram Wood race of Nov. 1, 1854. She had been owned by her owner for \$600, and the latter was distanced in the first heat

Mr. James W. Cooper, living near Erie, Pa. is the owner of a wonderful, ancient, black, bold, powerful, and fast horse, named "Gray Lightning." He is about 14 hands high, weighs 1600 pounds, and is 44 years old. He race smartly, and is a perfect combination of speed and strength that he has in the breeding hall. A Senator Morris B. Low of Erie bought this horse in the spring of 1890 from George Sawin of Harrisburg, Pa., when he was nine years old. He is now owned by Mr. J. W. Cooper, the present owner, who drives his horse every day to town when the weather permits. The animal

premiums for his old age at the Northwestern Yeoman's fair held in this city